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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 1993

Mr. SLATTERY introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Respiratory Care Prac-
5 titioner Cost Savings and Fairness Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN RESPIRATORY THERA-**
2 **PISTS AS LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
3 **IN APPLYING NURSE AIDE TRAINING RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 1819(b)(5)(G) and sec-
6 tion 1919(b)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395i–3(b)(5)(G), 1396r(b)(5)(G)) are each amended by
8 striking “or licensed or certified social worker” and insert-
9 ing “licensed or certified social worker, registered res-
10 piratory therapist, or certified respiratory therapy techni-
11 cian”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply to the use of an individual as
14 a nurse aide on or after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

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